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More Monthly Newsletter

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A Note From our Director

Happy New Year! The beginning of a new year brings thoughts of hope and planning to the forefront of my mind. The possibilities seem endless for the coming year. I am excited about our plans for the future, which include an increased effort to digitize state documents in our collection.

The South Carolina State Library is the official state documents depository for print and electronic publications created by all state agencies. We keep original copies of state documents created by every state agency. These documents are created for a variety of specific reasons, but the overall goal is to provide information to the general public, the General Assembly, other state agencies, and nonprofit organizations about state government and topics related to our state. Not only does the State Documents Depository include print publications, but it also includes “born digital” documents which are originally published on agency-specific websites and then brought into the depository.

For several years, the South Carolina State Library has been working on digitizing all of the print state documents in our collection. This project will take some time as we have approximately 175,000 print items, with more arriving daily - we receive around 3,000 items each year. State documents include books, reports, pamphlets, maps, newsletters, directories, regulations, and other information.

There are currently approximately 32,000 items in the South Carolina State Documents Depository that can be accessed online. To learn more about the State Documents Depository program, [visit its website](#).

Because we have so many print documents, we must select and prioritize which items will be digitized first. Items are selected for digitization based on use of resource, user request, state agency request, or demand of frequency. The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources South Carolina *Wildlife* magazine was recently selected as a digitization project. The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources is celebrating 70 years of the magazine. We digitized each issue of the *Wildlife* magazine, dating back to 1954. It is an exceptional example of a document that captures the beauty, resources, and culture of South Carolina and its history. We were thrilled to digitize the South Carolina *Wildlife* magazine collection so that all may enjoy its depiction of our rich history.

To learn more about our digitization process, you can review information at [SC State Library Digital Depository](#) or pick up a copy of the January/February issue of the South Carolina *Wildlife* magazine, which features [an in-depth article](#) about our digitization process along with captivating photographs of previous covers. The South Carolina State Library is committed to protecting and promoting the cultural heritage of our state and ensuring access to these valuable resources. A [complete list](#) of new electronic South Carolina state documents is available now. Enjoy!

All the best,

UPCOMING events

United for Libraries for South Carolina Friends Groups: 1/18/2023

Join Dr. Curtis Rogers for a tutorial on the United for Libraries website and discover the vast array of available resources that help Friends groups support their libraries.

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The Countdown is On

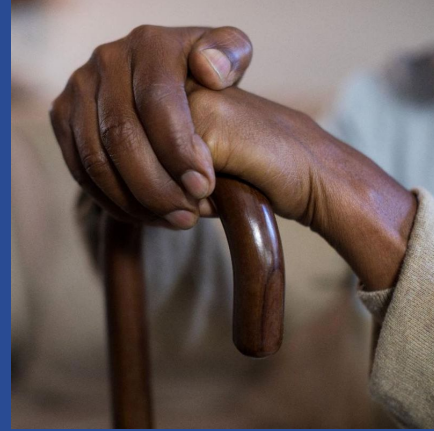
We are close to three months away from South Carolina's premier reading event, Read-In 2023. On April 20, students will gather for a parade to the South Carolina State House to celebrate reading and prove that kids who read succeed. [We encourage teachers to register](#) and bring their students to join the celebration.



South Carolina Talking Book Services

TBS Tidbits

The [Talking Book Services](#) Art Gallery competition is open for submissions. We encourage any visually impaired/blind child or young adult still in school to submit their tactile artwork by the March 3, 2023, deadline. First, second, and third-place winners in three age categories will receive prizes. There is also an opportunity to win prizes by participating in the “Read a Latte” winter reading program. Beginning this month, TBS patrons can cozy up with their favorite large print, audio, or braille books and keep track of their reading to become eligible for winter TBS goodies. For more information, [email a reader advisor](#) or call 1-800-922-7818.



Preserving African American History

Our mission is to preserve South Carolina's history for future generations. People provide unique insight into the culture and way of life in South Carolina's communities; their accounts help to document history. In partnership with Saint Teresa Community Outreach and Empowerment, we interviewed five Lake City seniors about what it was like to grow up in Florence County. These oral histories are part of our digital collection available through the [South Carolina Digital Library](#), helping to document the African American experience in South Carolina.



Your Feedback Matters

Do you remember what you felt upon opening your favorite gift during the holidays? That is the feeling we hope to provide school media specialists when they open their Discus kit for the 2023/2024 school year. You can help by letting us know which items are best to help promote [Discus- South Carolina's Virtual Library](#). Are the earbuds excellent? Do the sticky notes disappoint? We can take it, so take two minutes to [complete this survey](#) and tell us what you think.

Inspire Us!

There is time to submit your library's story and support the “Libraries Support South Carolina” campaign from SCLA, APLA, and SCASL. The goal is to show South Carolinians and the legislators serving them the impact libraries make in the Palmetto State. Every story matters, whether it is summer reading statistics, academic library outreach efforts and impact, K-12 stories, or public library community programs. [Submit](#)

[your story by January 20, 2023](#). These students attend North Central Middle School in Kershaw County, where they celebrate reading accomplishments throughout the school year.



2022's Literary Standouts

Time magazine named its 2022 Person of the Year, Oprah Winfrey dropped her Favorite Things list, and now it's time to compile a list of favorite books for kids and teens. [Complete this survey](#) and tell us about the standout books published in 2022. Whether they are picture books ideal for storytime or graphic novels terrific for teens, we want to hear about them. Upon tallying the responses, we'll publish the list so you can find the ideal books for your young patrons.

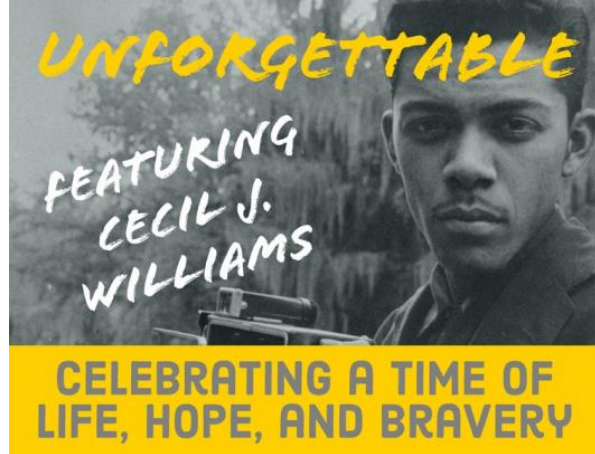


Summer Reading Exchange

This month we will host hands-on workshops to explore and exchange ideas for your public library's summer reading program. Featured topics include the State Library's summer reading grant, programming and craft ideas, including samples to try, outreach and partnership tips, new presenters to consider, logistics including program set-up and incentives, and creative decorating tricks. [Visit our events calendar](#) to register for the workshop in your area.

Author Talk

Next month, acclaimed civil rights photographer Cecil Williams [visits the Chester County Library](#) to share the stories behind photos



featured in our traveling exhibit, "Unforgettable: Celebrating a Time of Life, Hope, and Bravery." The exhibit provides a rare glimpse of events, portraits, and moments of significant social change in South Carolina during the 1950s and 1960s. It depicts the unforgettable waves of change that impacted the world. Mr. Williams will speak at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 4. A book signing and light refreshments begin at 2:00 p.m.

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